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Requesting that the President issue a proclamation annually calling upon the people of the United States to observe Global Family Day, One Day of Peace and Sharing, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 11, 2009

Mr. CONYERS (for himself and Mr. KUCINICH) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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Whereas in 2009, the people of the world suffered many calamitous events, including devastation from tsunami, terror attacks, war, famines, genocides, hurricanes, earthquakes, political and religious conflicts, disease, poverty, and rioting, all necessitating global cooperation, compassion, and unity previously unprecedented among diverse cultures, faiths, and economic classes;

Whereas grave global challenges in the year 2010 may require cooperation and innovative problem-solving among citizens and nations on an even greater scale;

Whereas Congress has adopted three resolutions, S. Con. Res. 138 on December 15, 2000, H. Con. Res. 317 on September 19, 2006, and S. Res. 582 on September 25, 2006, expressing the sense of Congress that the President of the United States should issue a proclamation each year calling upon the people of the United States and interested organizations to observe an international day of peace and sharing at the beginning of each year;

Whereas in 2001, the United Nations General Assembly adopted Resolution 56/2, which invited “Member States, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and all the peoples of the world to celebrate One Day in Peace, 1 January 2002, and every year thereafter”;

Whereas many foreign heads of state have recognized the importance of establishing Global Family Day, a special day of international unity, peace, and sharing, on the first day of each year; and

Whereas family is the basic structure of humanity, thus, we must all look to the stability and love within our individual families to create stability in the global community: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring), That Congress—*

3 (1) requests that the President issue a procla-
4 mation annually calling upon the people of the
5 United States to observe Global Family Day, One
6 Day of Peace and Sharing, a day which is dedicated
7 to—

1 (A) eradicating violence, hunger, poverty,
2 and suffering; and

3 (B) establishing greater trust and fellow-
4 ship among peace-loving nations and families
5 everywhere; and

6 (2) requests that the President invite former
7 Presidents of the United States, Nobel laureates,
8 and other notables, including United States busi-
9 ness, labor, faith, and civic leaders, to join the Presi-
10 dent in promoting appropriate activities for the peo-
11 ple of the United States and in extending appro-
12 priate greetings from the families of the United
13 States to families around the world.

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